

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 and 8-9 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 2 (Amended)

Line 1, change "1" to --11--

Line 2, change "contents" to --content--

*sub D1>*  
Claim 3 (Amended) The meat products claimed in claim 2,  
wherein the vegetable oil is at least one oil selected from the  
*one* group consisting of soybean oil, ~~rapeseed~~ [one of soy-bean oil,  
rape-seed] oil, safflower oil, sesame oil, and rice-bran oil.

*R2*  
Claim 4 (Amended) The meat products claimed in claim 2,  
wherein the lipids have a fatty-acid composition (%) [of lipids  
are] comprising myristic acid, 0.5-1.5; myristoleic acid, 0 -  
0.2; pentadecanoic acid, 0; palmitic acid, 13.0 - 22.0;  
palmitoleic acid, 1.5 - 2.5; heptadecanoic acid, 0 - 0.3;  
heptadecenoic acid, 0 - 0.3; stearic acid, 5.0 - 9.0; oleic  
acid, 24.0 - 60.0; linoleic acid, 9.0 - 45.0; linolenic acid,  
0.2 - 6.0, arachidic acid, 0.1 - 1.0; icosenoic acid, 0.2 - 1.0;  
and arachidonic acid, 0 - 0.2.

Claim 5 (Amended)

Line 1, change "1" to --11--

Line 2, change "against" to --per--

*Sulf-C1*  
*R3*

Claim 7 (Amended) The meat products claimed in any one of claims [1] 2 to 6 and 11, wherein the meat products are [sausages of] selected from the group consisting of pork sausage, Wiener sausage, Frankfurt sausage, Bologna sausage [and the like], loaves, hams, [bacons] bacon, corned beef, [hamburg] hamburger steak, meat balls, [such delicatessen as] Gyoza and Shumai meats, fresh sausages, bratwursts, ground meat, and seasoned meat.

*Sulf-C2*  
*R4*

Claim 10 (Amended) The [use] method of [the meat products claimed in] claim [8 or 9] 12 or 13, wherein the meat products are selected from the group consisting of [sausages of] pork sausage, Wiener sausage, Frankfurt sausage, Bologna sausage [and the like], loaves, hams, [bacons] bacon, corned beef, [hamburg] hamburger steak, meat balls, [such delicatessen as] Gyoza and Shumai meats, fresh sausages, bratwursts, ground meat, and seasoned meat.

Please add the following new claims:

(--) 11. Meat products comprising:

(a) a fat content of less than half of that present in conventional meat products, and  
(b) soy protein,  
wherein the meat products possess a plasma-cholesterol-suppressing property.

*sub D3* 12. A method for suppressing plasma-cholesterol levels in man, comprising administering the meat products as claimed in claim 11 to man.

13. A method for suppressing plasma-cholesterol levels in man, comprising administering the meat products as claimed in claim 2 to man.

14. The meat products according to claim 11, wherein the soy protein is present at 8 to 10g per 100g of meat product.

( 15. Meat products comprising:

(a) a fat content of less than half of that present in conventional meat products, and  
(b) a plasma-cholesterol-suppressing amount of soy protein, wherein the meat products possess a plasma-cholesterol-suppressing property.--